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SUBJECT: JAMAICA - VISITORS CURRENCY DECLARATION
REQUIREMENT

REF:KINGSTON 5162

1. EMBASSY KINGSTON ADVISES THAT EFFECTIVE JUNE 26,
JAMAICA IS REQUIRING FOREIGN VISITORS TO DECLARE AMOUNT
OF FUNDS IN THEIR POSSESSION ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
A NEW CURRENCY DECLARATION FORM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR
DISTRIBUTION ON AIRCRAFT BOUND FOR JAMAICA. THE FORM IS
TO BE FILLED OUT DURING FLIGHT AND MUST BE STAMPED BY
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JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES AT AIRPORT, RETAINED BY VISITOR, AND
RETURNED TO THE AUTHORITIES ON DEPARTURE. ANOTHER FORM,
"GUIDE TO CURRENCY REGULATIONS IN JAMAICA", IS TO BE
ISSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN FLIGHT. THIS FORM EXPLAINS
JAMAICAN CURRENCY REGULATIONS.

2. HOWEVER, AS NOW WRITTEN, THE DECLARATION FORM PRESENTS

AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR VISITORS: IT REQUIRES TRAVELLERS TO DECLARE THE AMOUNT OF JAMAICAN DOLLARS (AND OTHER CURRENCY) IN THEIR POSSESSION WITHOUT ITSELF WARNING THE TRAVELLER THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO TAKE JAMAICAN DOLLARS IN OR OUT OF JAMAICA, OR THAT ANY JAMAICAN DOLLARS IN THE

POSSESSION OF A VISITOR WILL BE CONFISCATED ON ARRIVAL IN JAMAICA. THOUGH THE COMPANION FORM DOES SO INFORM VISITORS, BOTH FORMS ARE DISTRIBUTED ON AIRCRAFT, TOO LATE TO BE OF ANY HELP TO TRAVELLERS WHO HAVE LEGALLY PURCHASED JAMAICAN CURRENCY AT US BANKS. JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES STATED THAT THE DECLARATION FORM WOULD BE REVISED IN THE FUTURE TO INCLUDE SUCH A WARNING, AND INDICATED THAT THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD IS INFORMING TRAVEL AGENTS, AIRLINES, AND NORTH AMERICAN BANKS OF THE NEW CURRENCY DECLARATION REGULATIONS FOR VISITORS.

3. ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH THE NEW DECLARATION FORM IS THAT IT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN SINGLE COPY ONLY, THE COPY TO BE RETAINED BY THE VISITOR AND PRESENTED TO THE AUTHORITIES UPON DEPARTURE, PROPERLY COMPLETED TO SHOW HOW MUCH CURRENCY IS BEING TAKEN OUT OF JAMAICA. SINCE US CITIZENS FREQUENTLY ENTER JAMAICA WITHOUT A PASSPORT, IT WILL NOT ALWAYS BE POSSIBLE TO STAPLE THE FORM TO A TRAVEL DOCUMENT. THE FORM CAN EASILY BE LOST, AND PROBABLY WILL BE LOST ON OCCASION. THE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES STATED THAT TOURISTS
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WHO LOSE THE FORM WILL FIND THEMSELVES DELAYED AT THE AIRPORT, BUT WERE VAGUE ABOUT THE EXTENT AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE DELAY.

4. EXPIRATION DATE: INDEFINITE. FOR RECORDS KEEPING PURPOSES THE ADVISORY MAY BE CANCELLED IN NINETY DAYS.
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